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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA

REF: CAPE TOWN 977 (NOTAL)

1. WE ARE INTRIGUED BY BOTHA'S MENTION OF AHTISAARI AS POSSIBLE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN NAMIBIA. WE SHARE YOUR ANALYSIS THAT AHTISAARI SELECTION, AS A CONSEQUENCE OF HIS POSITION WITH THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, WOULD HELP LEND LEGITIMACY TO THE PROCESS OF TRANSITION. WHILE WE DO NOT KNOW WHO WALDHEIM HAS IN MIND FOR THE POST, WE SUSPECT THAT AHTISAARI WOULD BE A LOGICAL NAME ON ANY LIST OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES. WE ARE CERTAIN THAT BOTHA WOULD ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ANY PREMATURE ENTHUSIASM ON SOUTH AFRICA'S PART FOR
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AHTISAARI WOULD HARM HIS CHANCES.

2. WHILE WE DO NOT PROPOSE THAT YOU MAKE ANY FORMAL PRESENTATION TO BOTHA ON THESE POINTS, YOU SHOULD FIND OCCASION BEFORE HE DEPARTS TO URGE BOTHA TO SEEK A MEETING WITH WALDHEIM; TO SHARE WITH WALDHEIM THE SAG'S THOUGHTS ON THE POLITICAL PROCESS IN NAMIBIA AND

ON THE UN'S ROLE; AND TO ASK WALDHEIM WHICH PERSONS HE

WOULD HAVE IN MIND FOR THE ROLE OF UN SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE. YOU MIGHT UNDERSCORE TO BOTH A
CONFIDENCE WE HAVE IN WALDHEIM AND URGE UPON HIM
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAG'S ESTABLISHING, AT A VERY
EARLY STAGE, A SOLID WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH
WALDHEIM ON NAMIBIA.

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